110TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 7127

To authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to implement the Total Learning curriculum.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

September 26, 2008

Mr. Shays introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Total Learning Cur-
- 5 riculum Implementation Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
- 7 The Congress finds as follows:
- 8 (1) The Total Learning curriculum is a multi-
- 9 sensory, arts-infused curriculum in an enhanced
- learning environment featuring small classes, an ex-

- tended day, extensive professional development, and
 family support services.
- 3 (2) The Total Learning initiative, while bene-
- 4 fiting the children of Bridgeport, Connecticut, is a
- 5 prototype that has been meticulously studied and
- 6 documented for replication across the United States
- 7 to address the ever-widening achievement gap be-
- 8 tween white and minority children, middle class and
- 9 low income children, and boys and girls.

10 SEC. 3. GRANTS AUTHORIZED.

- 11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Education is au-
- 12 thorized to establish a competitive grant program for the
- 13 purpose of implementing the Total Learning curriculum
- 14 in classrooms for children in kindergarten through age 9.
- 15 (b) Eligible Grantees.—Grants under this section
- 16 shall be awarded to State educational agencies and local
- 17 educational agencies (as such terms are defined in section
- 18 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
- 19 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)).
- 20 (c) Number of Grants.—Not more than 20 grants
- 21 may be awarded under this section.
- 22 (d) Grant Term.—Grants under this section shall
- 23 be for a term of 3 years.

1 SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

- 2 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
- 3 this Act such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years

4 2010 through 2012.

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